

Judith Zaffirini

From: Nathan Lerma <Nathan.Lerma@senate.state.tx.us>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 1:00 PM
To: Judith Zaffirini
Cc: Ray Martinez; Sean Griffin; Will Krueger
Subject: Reminder of Phone Appointment, Catherine Meza, DOJ, 2pm

Reminder of phone appointment with Catherine Meza, of the DOJ, at 2pm. Info below.

Monday, April 9, 2012

2pm- ACCEPTED/ PHONE APPOINTMENT- Catherine Meza

Re. Voter I.D. bill S.B. 14

Note: Ms. Meza to call DO and DO to forward to Z's #7132.

T/NL

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Ms. Meza is requesting that this appointment be held ASAP.

NL recs that Z hold this phone appointment today at 2pm.

OK with Z?

If Y, NL will have Ms. Meza call DO and will instruct DO to forward to Z's 7132#

If N, NL recs this appointment be held tomorrow, Tues., 4/10, 2pm.

Please note that Z had agreed to a meeting today at 11am but that NL received Z's confirmation on Mon., 4/9.

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From: Ray Martinez <Ray.Martinez@senate.state.tx.us>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 12:20 PM
To: Judith Zaffirini; Nathan Lerma
Cc: Sean Griffin; Will Krueger
Subject: RE: Phone Appointment Request for Z

Z,

I just spoke with Catherine Meza, who is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). She is the person you are scheduled to speak with at 2pm today regarding SB 14.

Catherine explained that the purpose of the call is to get insight and information, from your perspective, into the legislative process that led to the passage of SB 14. For example, any information you can share as to how the legislative process which led to passage of SB 14 may have been different from how other major legislation has been handled; what went on during legislative hearings in terms of your discussions with other legislators; and any insight you can provide from feedback you may have received from both proponents and opponents of the legislation.

She said you do not need to be briefed on anything in the public record. For example, if they ask you about any amendments you or anyone else offered during the passage of SB 14, you will not need to be familiar with those amendments since that information can be obtained by DOJ from the public record. Essentially, this will be an interview that allows DOJ to gather your subjective insight and perspective on the legislation itself, and the process that led to its passage.

She indicated that timing is important. DOJ is willing to wait until later this week to speak with Z, but they clearly prefer to stick with today if at all possible because they are on an "expedited litigation schedule."

RM is comfortable with Z proceeding at 2pm today.

OK with Z?

(If Yes, WK will send talking points to Z in the next 15 minutes or so for initial review.)

T/Rm.

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From: Judith Zaffirini [mailto:zaffcomm@zaffirini.com]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 10:44 AM
To: Nathan Lerma
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Subject: Re: Phone Appointment Request for Z

OK.

Will need t pts.

T/Z

From: Nathan Lerma <Nathan.Lerma@senate.state.tx.us>
Date: Mon, 9 Apr 2012 10:14:24 -0500
To: Judith Zaffirini <zaffcomm@zaffirini.com>
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Subject: Phone Appointment Request for Z

Z,

Attached is an appointment request form for Catherine Meza of the DOJ who is requesting a phone appointment with Z to discuss S.B. 14, relating to requirements to vote, including presenting proof of identification; providing criminal penalties.

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